

Lorio returns to Ted's Inn

The sound of Lorio has returned to Catby's in the Ted's Restaurant complex. The group features Sandra Mandella, leader-arranger Sam Lucchicchio backing her up on vocals and bass, Bob Chirafisi on keyboards and Frank Merlotti on percussion.

Lorio continues through March 22. The group performs nightly Monday through Thursday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and on Friday and Saturday 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Do you believe in ghosts? Most people do, you know—even those who say they don't.

If you believe in a separable soul, if you believe in any kind of life after death, then you believe in ghosts. For a ghost is nothing more than a disembodied spirit.

Most controversy is really not over whether ghosts exist but over how, if at all, the earthly forces of us will inhabit earthly bodies of flesh and blood.

HARDLY A WEEK goes by that I don't receive a letter or a call from someone who honestly believes that his or her house is haunted.

Many of these "hauntings" turn out to be nothing more than optical illusions caused by mirrors or weird lighting effects, or noises produced by completely physical means, such as loose boards, tree branches rubbing against the house or mice scampering in the attic.

Still others appear to be poltergeists. The dictionary defines poltergeist as a noisy ghost, but most parapsychologists agree that a poltergeist is not a real ghost at all but a manifestation of energies set off unintentionally by one or more living, breathing human beings.

These energies are blamed for things that go bump in the night, dishes that fall off shelves and lights that turn themselves off and on, or doors that open and close when no one is there.

BUT SOME PEOPLE who contact me have had experiences that cannot be dismissed. Some believe that they

have seen and talked to people they know to be dead, such as the widow visited by her dead husband who told her how to locate their long-lost son, or the daughter who was haunted by her father until she kept the promise he had made to him on his deathbed.

...or the children whose mother returned to point out where she had hidden her will.

Delusions, hallucinations, you say? We can't really dismiss these things that easily. Just because no one else can see or hear them, it doesn't mean

they are not very real to those who do.

Ghosts seem to return to or hang around earth-bound people only if they have died under strange or sad circumstances and aren't aware they are dead, or if they have a particular purpose such as a message to relate to the living.

EVERYONE loves a source, and I have seen some strange things indeed take place during seances. But I refuse to believe that you can success-

fully page a ghost unless that ghost has a reason of its own to communicate with you.

I hope I'm right. I'd certainly hate to think that after I die anyone who wanted to could call me back any Saturday night just to make their party interesting.

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